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To amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to allow the Commissioner of Social Security to waive the 30-day residency requirement for receipt of supplemental security income benefits for individuals who evacuate from certain territories of the United States as a result of an emergency or natural disaster.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 5, 2017

Mr. NELSON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Disaster Income As-

5 sistance Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO WAIVE 30-DAY RESIDENCY RE-**
 2 **QUIREMENT.**

3 Section 1611(f) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 4 1382(f)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “Notwith-
 6 standing” and inserting “(A) Except as provided in
 7 subparagraph (B), notwithstanding”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 9 paragraph:

10 “(B) The Commissioner of Social Security may waive
 11 the requirement in subparagraph (A) that an eligible indi-
 12 vidual who has been outside the United States for any pe-
 13 riod of 30 consecutive days shall be treated as remaining
 14 outside the United States until such individual has been
 15 in the United States for a period of 30 consecutive days
 16 in the case of any eligible individual or categories of eligi-
 17 ble individuals who evacuate from an emergency area lo-
 18 cated in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United
 19 States Virgin Islands, Guam, or American Samoa during
 20 an emergency period to one of the 50 States or the Dis-
 21 trict of Columbia. For purposes of the preceding sentence,
 22 the terms ‘emergency area’ and ‘emergency period’ shall
 23 have the meaning given such terms in section
 24 1135(g)(1).”.

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